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To The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 17, 2002**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 17, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned case. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and to consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.